

THE MARBLE HILL PRESS.

TWENTY FIFTH YEAR.

NEW MADRID county will now have an opportunity to get the new courthouse that many of its citizens have been waiting for some time. The old courthouse was burned on the morning of September 24. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. Many valuable court papers were destroyed, but the records were saved. The destruction of court papers is thought to have been the object of the fire.

Give the Cow a Fair Trial.

(Weekly Agricultural Letter.)

So much has been written and said of late in regard to calling on the poor cows of the milking herd that I feel constrained to take the part of the old cow and plead for fair play in her trial against death at the butcher's hands.

True, every cow kept for use in the dairy should yield every year 250 to 300 pounds of butter fat and pay her keeper a net profit of \$40 to \$60. The way to find out whether she does this is to weigh, at intervals, her milk and test it with a Babcock tester to prove how much fat there is in it, and that when she has been given credit for all she has done she should be charged with her board; and true, also, that if the cow does not make a record worth while she should be sent to the block; but, while this test is being made, while the facts are being gathered which will decide her fate, let there be fair play. To demand of the cow a large flow of milk from a small flow of feed is unjust.

What would be thought of a miller who would burn a mill because it would not make 100 pounds of flour from 90 pounds of wheat? The life business of the dairy cow is to eat and from this to give milk.

She needs protection from storm and cold rains—not that afforded by the genial rays of the silvery moon nor by the leeward side of a barbed wire fence. In summer she longs to roam the fields, but to be forced to keep constantly at work in order to get enough to eat is discouraging.

In the stable she will enjoy a combing—not with the milking stool, but with a regular comb and brush. If she becomes soiled, a bucket of water and a broom will clean her. A shower bath in December is very cooling to the love she bears her owner.

She enjoys company, but not that of the "yaller" dog; she enjoys petting, not with a club but with the hand.

Not long since I had the pleasure of visiting a dairy farm near St. Joseph, Mo. Before I had scarcely had time to cross the farm yard the evidence of universal peace was striking. The old cows stood fearlessly in my path, the yearling colts tried to pick the buttons from my coat, the small pigs roared at my shoes, while the young cows, desiring a closer friendship, poked their innocent heads under my arm; nor was I surprised soon to learn that this collection of happy "dumb" animals was managed in person by ladies. The three daughters of the proprietor, wishing to lead active and useful lives, had taken upon themselves this work and are making a decided success of it. The success is largely due to all these animals having learned the golden rule.

Liberal and regular feeding and watering and regular and gentle milking are essential if the cow is to do her best.

While we are the prosecuting attorney in this trial of the cow let us also be her defense.

R. M. WASHBURN,
State Dairy Commissioner, Columbia, Mo.

Plodder and the Swell.

You had better think twice young lady, before passing up the plodder for the "swell" fellow. The plodder may be off a little in the cut of his clothes and he may not shine at the party like your swell man, but he is saving his wind and will come down the home stretches so fast that he will throw dust all over the other fellow. Poke fun at him now if you wish, but some day you will have to get a spy glass to see him, he will stand so far above you. The "swell" fellow treats you lovely now; tells you that you are pretty, dance lovely; buys you ice cream and takes you buggy riding. Then he has shot his bolt. He is all in and the ice cream and buggy rides are a thing of the past. He will be lying around and living off of your folks or his own, while the plodder will be building a new house, buying another or two and planning to take his wife on a big trip back East to the place where her father and mother did their sparking. The plodder in youth is a pretty good fellow to tie to. True

some of them remain plodders all their lives, but the majority of them eventually acquire speed. The "swell" fellow goes so fast when he is young that he has no wind for the latter part of his race.—Ex.

If you should turn backwards O time in your flight and make me a child again just for tonight, would my mother draw me once more over her knee, with her slipper put ker-bosh into me? Would she take the fine comb and examine with care, this old cocoon that used to grow hair? Would she plow up my scalp and plow it for keeps, and if I objected slap me to sleep? Turn back to the time when I was too young to vote and the bank wasn't pushing that six-day note when I didn't have to hustle to pay grocery bill, and my little bosom filled with gossamer love-thrills. Take from my muscle this rheumatic pain; take it and give me my childhood again. I have grown weary of dust and decay, weary of humming day after day, weary of sowing chinch bugs to reap, but I don't need anybody to rock me to sleep.—Exchange.

Keep Him Posted.

A certain newspaperman in Iowa relates an experience which might shed some light on the mail order business. He was at the depot and saw a farmer friend receive a set of harness from Chicago. He attempted to prove to the latter that he was making a mistake, as any of the local dealers would furnish him the same goods just as cheap and the profit would be kept at home. "But," said the farmer, "this is the first time I have heard that there is a harness shop in this town. I have taken your paper for five years and have never seen a line of advertising in it about such an institution in all that time. But you can bet Chicago has kept me posted."—Ex.

The Teachers' Association.

The teachers' association held here last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, was one of the most successful, as regards attendance and interest as well as one of the most interesting ever held here. The attendance was better than usual and the teachers appeared to have the proper ideas as to the purposes of the meeting and it is safe to say that all were benefited by and enjoyed it.

The program was a good one and was interestingly and entertainingly rendered.

On Friday night the association met at the Baptist church and after some excellent music by Prof. and Mrs. F. J. Hendershot and the young people, a prayer by Prof. W. A. Davault and recitations by Misses Metta Estes and Cordelia Murray, Prof. R. S. Douglass of Cape Girardeau delivered an excellent address on education which was enjoyed by all present.

We are informed that steps were taken for township organization, and it is hoped the zeal of the teachers may reach the people and that greater interest will be taken in the education of the children of our people. There seems to be no better way to accomplish this result than thru the zeal of the teachers and they should be encouraged in their efforts to make their organizations effective in results as well as enjoyable occasions for the ladies and gentlemen who have taken upon themselves so much responsibility. The Press is ready and willing to assist and encourage them any way it can in their noble work.

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Women And The Public Schools.

The New Idea Woman's Magazine for October has an inspiring article on "Women in Professions," by Miss Elizabeth Howard Westwood. Miss Westwood runs over the field of those professions into which women enter, showing that there are now very few in which they have not proved their capability. Speaking of the educational field, which is, as ever, one of those most entered by women, she says: "Some of the most remarkable educational work is being done by women in connection with the public schools. Miss Parrel, whose class of unmanageable children is well known is little short of wonderful. Boys who have proved too much for school after school, teacher after teacher, never give her the slightest trouble. Children who have been given up as hopeless idiots, learn to read under her tutelage, and take the first step toward fitting for a trade. She is an enthusiast and an optimist, declaring that she has yet to see the child too stupid to become self-supporting, or too bad to be reached by kind, firm treatment."

IN MEMORIAM.

William M. and Eliza Limbaugh, husband and wife, after a long journey together, hand in hand, as united in holy wedlock with God's approval, and having thus the divine approval their life effort was successful in a temporal and spiritual sense.

They reared a family of five children, all of whom are Christians save one, and that one we hope is bound by an abiding conviction of the truth of God's word which will some day, bring him into the fold.

This honorable record was not made by religious fire and starts, but by a patient leaning upon the word of God thru a long sweep of years, for the husband was born March 2, 1832; died July 30, 1905, and for many years was a member of the M. E. Church South, and always acceptable with his brethren; and by his side stands the beautiful life of his companion testifying to the truth of God's blessed word which sustained them in all the conflicts of life, and gave them a joyous victory over the last enemy, which was met August 8, 1905.

May God help all who knew them to live for a better life beyond. Especially would we urge their children to follow them as they followed Christ.

Their Pastor,
J. A. RUSSELL.

He Knew the Airs.

A downtown music store was the scene of an odd little concert the other day. A young man entered the store and approached the clerk.

"Want to get some music," he said to the salesman.

"Well, sir, what'll you have?"

"That's what I don't know. I heard one at the Prince of Pilsen that made an awful jar with me. It was a beaut. Let's see, the music scammed around something like this—"

And he began to whistle, in clear, sweet tones, the air of "The Message of the Violet."

"Oh, yes, I understand," smiled the clerk, as he drew the music from the case.

Every other clerk and customer in the store had been attracted by the musical whistle of the buyer and was listening.

"Anything else?" asked the clerk.

"Yes, there was another, but I've forgotten the name of it, too," he replied.

"But it ran like this—"

He whistled the chorus of "Old Heidelberg" without a flaw. A half dozen persons in the store called the name of the piece and gathered around the young man. The clerk brought out the music.

"Anything else?" asked the salesman.

"Yes, This—"

And he whistled the famous "Back to Baltimore" coon song. The crowd laughed and shouted the name of the piece. It was only a happy little illustration of how catchy songs strike tuneful souls and can be repeated by human phonographs.—Ex.

Our Correspondents.

Leopold.

How does the change in the weather strike you? It suits the writer fairly well.

Our state factory is doing steady work now.

The following people of our community left for St. Louis Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. A. Stoverink, Misses H. Eftink, Mina and Dina Eftink. On Monday Theodore Hinkbein and others of his family, A. Hulshof, and Mrs. H. J. Eftink went to the city. Judging from this it looks like Leopold will be well represented.

ed at the "Veiled Prophet" parade. Rev. F. Bettels is having a new barn erected.

Emis Clippard returned from Cape Girardeau last Saturday on account of sickness.

Several of our farmers had business at Burfordville one day last week.

Success to THE PRESS and its many readers. D. C.

Pulltight.

After an absence of several weeks I will try to send in a few items.

Our people are busy plowing and cutting belts.

Miss Mary J. Cook and two sisters of Scopus visited on Panther creek recently.

Van Estes and family visited at Mr. Limbaugh's last Sunday.

Rev. Shankard, who has been away some time, serving a pastorate, has returned home.

"Uncle Jim" Shankard and family left Friday to visit friends near "Spring Church."

The Hartle school is getting along nicely under the management of Miss Bertha Limbaugh.

Luther Limbaugh went to Perry county last Friday to begin teaching.

R. T. Propst is right sick at this writing. ACST CHOLLY.

Bessville.

John Hale returned to his home in Tennessee last Wednesday.

Doc Morris and family arrived in Bessville last week.

L. C. Griffith made a business trip to Fredericktown last Thursday.

W. L. Barnes and wife visited Jacob Bess last Sunday.

"Uncle Doc" Sizemore and Miles Moore were each so unfortunate as to lose a young male last week.

Wm. J. Hale will have his male colt show October 14, this year.

Limsey Hampton came up from Benton Sunday night.

Oscar and Clyde Sizemore, who have been on the sick list for some time, were able to attend church Sunday.

Rev. Barrett filled his regular appointments here Saturday, Sunday and Sunday night. Quite a large congregation enjoyed his sermons.

Dines Bess has been hauling rocks off of his farm and filling ditches in the road with them. Our people are beginning to realize that they have plenty of material to make good roads if it is only used.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln and babe are visiting Mrs. Lincoln's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Smith.

Talent.

After a week's absence I will come again.

Mike Abraham, the clever and well known traveling merchant was in our locality last week.

Lum Whitener is pasturing seventy-five or eighty cattle on W. G. Kitchen's farm. I presume he is waiting for the cattle and market to get better.

Juan Moyers and family visited John Davenport and family Sunday night.

Vollie Biffle is still employed at the cane mill of Wm. Killian.

The protracted meeting at Union Light closed last Thursday night, with about twenty conversions as a result of the meeting. Another meeting will begin at Liberty church Saturday night.

Several of our teachers attended the teachers' association at Marble Hill last week and report a very interesting meeting.

Mrs. Ada Stady made a business trip to Patton one day last week.

Some of our farmers had their hay baled last week.

A debating club will be organized at the Barber schoolhouse Friday night, in which everybody is invited to take part. The teachers of Crooked Creek township will also meet there the same night and consider organizing a reading circle for

the year.

Talent.

Our farmers are preparing to sow wheat.

N. R. Kitchen and wife visited Mr. Kitchen's brother, W. G. Kitchen here Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely under the able management of J. F. Zimmerman.

Wm. Gruener visited Rev. Trentham's Sunday.

Mrs. A. Stady went to Patton on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Biffle and daughter Amanda, recently moved to Greenbrier. We are sorry to lose these good people.

John Stady and family visited Mrs. Ada Stady and family Sunday.

J. C. Kirkpatrick is preparing to erect a new residence.

The protracted meeting will begin at Liberty church Saturday night.

Misses Mary and Iner Kitchens visited Misses Treca and May Stady Sunday.

Prof. J. F. Zimmerman visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Wm. Killian is still making molasses.

Juan Moyers and family visited John Davenport and family Sunday night.

News is somewhat scarce so will ring off.

Buchanan.

(Arrived too late for last week.)

Health is good with the exception of a few cases of chills.

State hauling is the business now with a number of our people.

Our energetic merchant, W. C. Myers, made a business trip to St. Louis the latter part of last week.

David Shell of near Hahn is doing some nice work in photography at this place.

Our school is progressing nicely in charge of Misses Effie Kinder and Metta Estes. The patrons and pupils seem to be generally well pleased with their work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Wann left Sunday to visit relatives and friends in Pennsylvania. We hope they will have a pleasant journey. Thos. Haas of St. Louis will look after the interests of the state factory during Mr. Wann's absence.

Albert Choate has been in the southern part of the state looking for an opening to enter the mercantile business.

Messrs. Alfred Wagoner and Jace Headrick left for Indian Territory recently, where they expect to make their future homes.

Messrs. S. J. McMinn of Marble Hill and Chas. E. Farr of Lutesville were in this vicinity Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Berry of Glen Allen are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

George Cox has business near Grassy nearly every Sunday.

Mike Barnhart will leave for St. Louis shortly where he intends to get employment for this winter.

Castor.

Health is very good at present. The farmers are busy preparing to sow their wheat crop.

The good people in this vicinity are making preparations to erect a new fence around the cemetery.

N. A. Bollinger, wife and daughter, went to Fredericktown Thursday to visit relatives and friends, returning Monday.

C. L. Bollinger has purchased a house and lot in Fredericktown and will move to that place in November. Sorry to see you leave us "Chas."

C. Stroup and family visited L. H. Hovis and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. Chas. Davis filled his regular appointment at Miller's chapel Sunday.

Mrs. A. Keen has been on the sick list the past week.

We are glad to see Joseph Rhodes out again after a week's illness.

L. Hovis is having a fine lot of hay baled. Tilden and Wm. Richards are doing the work.

Mrs. A. J. Ben's funeral was to have been preached on September 17, but owing to the inclement weather at that time, it was postponed until Sunday, October 15. Rev. L. R. Mauk will conduct the services.

Forest Bollinger visited relatives at Glen Allen Sunday.

M. J. Shetley of Fredericktown and Doc Whitener of Marquand were down here recently looking after their farming interests.

Uncle Petah.

Sedgewickville.

Thinking the readers of THE

Press might appreciate the news from this place, I will send in a few items.

Farmers are preparing to sow wheat; some have already sown.

Health is very good at present.

"Uncle Joe" Seabaugh, who has been on the sick list for some time, is improving.

Walter Seabaugh, our rural free delivery mail carrier, is on the sick list, and D. R. Seabaugh, our assistant postmaster, is carrying the mail at present.

Walter Statler, who has been sick of typhoid fever, is improving.

John H. Drum, who has been teaching near Zalma, came home last Saturday, sick of typhoid fever.

Abe Seabaugh is head sawyer at the mill that is sawing lumber for the Pioneer Co-operative company which is preparing to put in a factory at the Trickey mill.

Merchant T. B. Drum was at Daisy Saturday delivering bone meal fertilizer.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Warren Crites, a bouncing big girl.

Lillard Jacobs is visiting in Doe Run.

Miss Maude Jacobs and Mrs. W. S. Smith made a trip to Oak Ridge last week.

George Propst will move to town for school advantages, as they have no schoolhouse in the district in which he resides.

The school opened three weeks ago at this place, and has an enrollment of about 60 pupils.

Eli Habs and Fred Thiele are about done manufacturing molasses for this season.

Oscar Hall passed thru here Saturday, out on a visit to relatives.

Rev. McDonald, pastor of the M. E. Church South here the past year will move to his new pastorate at York Chapel, Bro. Russell, the new pastor of Sedgewickville circuit, preached an interesting sermon here Sunday at 11 a. m. and Rev. E. C. Seabright preached at 7 in the evening.

The Patton baseball team came down Sunday to play the Sedgewickville boys, but there was a misunderstanding some way, and the Patton boys did not play. The Sedgewickville boys had a game between themselves, there being 18 of them.

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